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SUBJECT: KUWAITIS MAY INVEST IN MAURITANIAN STEEL MILL

1. SINCE KUWAIT REJECTED IDEA BUILDING LOCAL STEEL MILL
LAST OCTOBER THEY HAVE BEEN SEEKING EQUITY IN MILL SOMEWHERE
IN REGION. RECENTLY, EMBOFF TOLD BY FORMER OFFICIAL NOW
DEFUNCT KUWAIT IRON AND STEEL CO., HUSSAIN AL-JASSEM, THAT
HE TRAVELING TO MAURITANIA TO STUDY FEASIBILITY OF KUWAIT
INVESTING IN PLANT THERE. KUWAIT ALREADY COMMITTED TO IN-
VESTING IN DEVELOPMENT OF IRON AND COPPER MINING OPERATIONS
IN MAURITANIA AND STEEL MILL INVESTMENT WOULD BE LOGICAL EX-
TENSION THIS INTEREST. HOWEVER, WE DOUBT KUWAIT INTENDS FOR
MAURITANIA SUPPLY IT IN LONG TERM WITH STEEL AND BELIEVE
THEY STILL VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN INVESTING IN MILL CLOSER
TO HOME.

2. WOULD WELCOME COMMENTS AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT ON
PRESENT STATUS THIS PROJECT.
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